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Thus the spirit of the Nigritian populations and the face of the country may be completely changed.

The duty before France is to devote herself to the task of creating in the Sudan a flourishing civilization based upon the principles of equity. To cite the final words of the author, the future depends upon *le travail, l'épargne, la justice et la paix dans l'amour de l'humanité*—work, thrift, justice, and peace in the love of humanity.

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The Faroes and Iceland: Studies in Island Life. By Nelson An-nandale. vii and 238 pp., 24 Illustrations, Appendix and Index. H. Frowde, London, 1905. (Price, 4s. 6d.)

These studies were made during a number of summer vacations spent on the islands. They illustrate the people in their physical character, education, government, and occupations. The influence upon them of their geographical environment is not strongly denoted. The author says that though the inhabitants of the Faroes are in-bred to a large extent, he has found no proof that this has resulted in moral, mental, or physical degeneration, unless possibly it may have produced some diminution in stature. The illustrations give striking aspects of the islands and the occupations of the people. The ravages of Turkish pirates from Algeria in the seventeenth century are described, and there is an appendix on the Celtic pony.

Das Riesen- und Isergebirge. Von P. Regell. 132 pp., 89 photographs, map in colours, and index. Velhagen & Klasing, Bielefeld and Leipzig, 1905. (Price, M. 4.)

The beauty and picturesqueness of the mountains on the border between Silesia and Bohemia, with their valleys, hamlets, towns, waterfalls, and people, are described in the entertaining manner and with the wealth of photographs which have made the high reputation of the "Land und Leute" Series, of which this volume is number XX. Some of the photographs illustrate important industries, as glass-blowing, wood-carving, etc.

The Configuration of the Rock Floor of Greater New York. By W. H. Hobbs. *Bulletin* No. 270, U. S. Geological Survey. 1905. 96 pp.

In his letter of transmittal to the Director, Mr. C. W. Hayes comments on the importance to local engineering and construction of the data contained in this report. Professor Hobbs pays tribute to the precision of some of the older maps, notably those of Randall, 1811-1821, and of Viele, 1874. Here at the present time is a centre of engineering enterprise more extensive than is elsewhere known to history, and now is the opportunity to seize upon facts which would otherwise be forever lost. There is a review of authors, with notes on their conclusions and discriminating references to the value of their work. Among these are Gale, Stevens, Newberry, and Dana, of the older generation, and Kemp, Merrill, Eckel, Gratacap, Julien, Peet, Russell, and the writer of the present Report.

Much of the structure of Manhattan is confidently stated to be the result of normal faulting. Maps of southern and northern Manhattan are presented, on which, in blue, are given the contours of the bed-rock surface. The maps show also the position of wells that reach to the rock floor, with the depth of that floor as referred to mean tide at Sandy Hook. A further symbol distinguishes borings that do not reach bed-rock, their bottoms being compared with the same datum.